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Representative Marc K. Roberts proposes the following substitute bill:

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ALTERNATE VOTING METHODS PILOT PROJECT

2019 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- changes the date by which a municipality may opt in to participate in the Municipal
 Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project (pilot project);
- establishes a procedure for a municipality to withdraw the municipality's decision to participate in the pilot project;
- establishes a delayed candidate filing period for a race conducted under the provisions of the pilot project;

- provides that a local political subdivision <u>participating in the Municipal Alternate</u>
 <u>Voting Methods Pilot Project in 2019</u> may agree with any other local political subdivision in the state to conduct an election on behalf of the local political subdivision;
- <u>modifies provisions relating to the certification of voting equipment</u>; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

10-3-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 91 and 137

20A-4-602, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 187

20A-5-400.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 310

20A-5-802, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 32

20A-9-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 11 and 365

63I-2-220, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 187 and 458

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 10-3-301 is amended to read:

10-3-301. Notice -- Eligibility and residency requirements for elected municipal office -- Mayor and recorder limitations.

- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Absent" means that an elected municipal officer fails to perform official duties, including the officer's failure to attend each regularly scheduled meeting that the officer is required to attend.
- (b) "Principal place of residence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-2-105.
- (c) "Secondary residence" means a place where an individual resides other than the individual's principal place of residence.

- (2) (a) On or before May 1 in a year in which there is a municipal general election, the municipal clerk shall publish a notice that identifies:
 - (i) the municipal offices to be voted on in the municipal general election; and
- (ii) the dates for filing a declaration of candidacy for the offices identified under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
 - (b) The municipal clerk shall publish the notice described in Subsection (2)(a):
 - (i) on the Utah Public Notice Website established by Section 63F-1-701; and
 - (ii) in at least one of the following ways:
 - (A) at the principal office of the municipality;
- (B) in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality at least once a week for two successive weeks in accordance with Section 45-1-101;
 - (C) in a newsletter produced by the municipality;
 - (D) on a website operated by the municipality; or
 - (E) with a utility enterprise fund customer's bill.
- (3) (a) An individual who files a declaration of candidacy for a municipal office shall comply with the requirements described in Section 20A-9-203.
- (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b)(ii), the city recorder or town clerk of each municipality shall maintain office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates described in Subsections 20A-9-203(3)(a)(i) and [(b)] (c)(i) unless the date occurs on a:
 - (A) Saturday or Sunday; or
 - (B) state holiday as listed in Section 63G-1-301.
- (ii) If on a regular basis a city recorder or town clerk maintains an office schedule that is less than 40 hours per week, the city recorder or town clerk may comply with Subsection (3)(b)(i) without maintaining office hours by:
- (A) posting the recorder's or clerk's contact information, including a phone number and email address, on the recorder's or clerk's office door, the main door to the municipal offices, and, if available, on the municipal website; and
- (B) being available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), via the contact information described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii)(A).
- (4) An individual elected to municipal office shall be a registered voter in the municipality in which the individual is elected.

- (5) (a) Each elected officer of a municipality shall maintain a principal place of residence within the municipality during the officer's term of office.
- (b) Except as provided in Subsection (6), an elected municipal office is automatically vacant if the officer elected to the municipal office, during the officer's term of office:
 - (i) establishes a principal place of residence outside the municipality;
- (ii) resides at a secondary residence outside the municipality for a continuous period of more than 60 days while still maintaining a principal place of residence within the municipality;
 - (iii) is absent from the municipality for a continuous period of more than 60 days; or
- (iv) fails to respond to a request, within 30 days after the day on which the elected officer receives the request, from the county clerk or the lieutenant governor seeking information to determine the officer's residency.
- (6) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (5), if an elected municipal officer obtains the consent of the municipal legislative body in accordance with Subsection (6)(b) before the expiration of the 60-day period described in Subsection (5)(b)(ii) or (iii), the officer may:
- (i) reside at a secondary residence outside the municipality while still maintaining a principal place of residence within the municipality for a continuous period of up to one year during the officer's term of office; or
- (ii) be absent from the municipality for a continuous period of up to one year during the officer's term of office.
- (b) At a public meeting, the municipal legislative body may give the consent described in Subsection (6)(a) by majority vote after taking public comment regarding:
 - (i) whether the legislative body should give the consent; and
 - (ii) the length of time to which the legislative body should consent.
- (7) (a) The mayor of a municipality may not also serve as the municipal recorder or treasurer.
 - (b) The recorder of a municipality may not also serve as the municipal treasurer.
 - Section 2. Section **20A-4-602** is amended to read:
- 20A-4-602. Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project -- Creation -- Participation.
 - (1) There is created the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.

- (2) The pilot project begins on January 1, 2019, and ends on January 1, 2026.
- (3) (a) A municipality may participate in the pilot project, in accordance with the requirements of this section and all other applicable provisions of law, during any odd-numbered year that the pilot project is in effect, if, before [January 1] April 15 of the odd-numbered year, the municipality provides written notice to the lieutenant governor:
- [(a)] (i) stating that the municipality intends to participate in the pilot project for the year specified in the notice; and
- [(b)] (ii) that includes a document, signed by the election officer of the municipality, stating that the municipality has the resources and capability necessary to participate in the pilot project.
- (b) A municipality that provides the notice of intent described in Subsection (3)(a) may withdraw the notice of intent, and not participate in the pilot project, if the municipality provides written notice of withdrawal to the lieutenant governor before April 15.
- (4) The lieutenant governor shall maintain, in a prominent place on the lieutenant governor's website, a current list of the municipalities that are participating in the pilot project.
- (5) (a) An election officer of a participating municipality shall, in accordance with the provisions of this part, conduct a multi-candidate race during the municipal general election using instant runoff voting.
- (b) An election officer of a participating municipality that will conduct a multi-candidate race under Subsection (5)(a) may not conduct a municipal primary election relating to that race.
- (c) A municipality that has in effect an ordinance described in Subsection 20A-9-404(3) or (4) may not participate in the pilot project.
- (6) An individual who files a declaration of candidacy or a nomination petition, for a candidate who will run in an election described in this part, shall file the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition during the office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those office hours, no sooner than the second Tuesday in August and no later than the third Tuesday in August of an odd-numbered year.
 - Section 3. Section **20A-5-400.1** is amended to read:
- 20A-5-400.1. Contracting with an election officer to conduct elections -- Fees -- Contracts and interlocal agreements -- Private providers.

- (1) (a) In accordance with this section, a local political subdivision may enter into a contract or interlocal agreement as provided in Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, with a provider election officer to conduct an election.
- (b) If the boundaries of a local political subdivision holding the election extend beyond a single local political subdivision, the local political subdivision may have more than one provider election officer conduct an election.
- (c) {Notwithstanding} Subject to Subsection (1)({b}d), a municipality may enter into a contract or agreement under Subsection (1)(a) with any local political subdivision in the state, regardless of whether the municipality is located in, next to, or near, the local political subdivision, {for}to conduct an election during which the municipality is participating in the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.
 - (d) (i) Subsection (1)(c) only applies to an election held in 2019.
- (ii) If a municipality enters into a contract or agreement, under Subsection (1)(c), with a local political subdivision other than a county within which the municipality exists, the municipality, the local political subdivision, and the county within which the municipality exists shall enter into a cooperative agreement to ensure the proper functioning of the election.
 - (2) A provider election officer shall conduct an election:
 - (a) under the direction of the contracting election officer; and
 - (b) in accordance with a contract or interlocal agreement.
- (3) A provider election officer shall establish fees for conducting an election for a contracting election officer that:
 - (a) are consistent with the contract or interlocal agreement; and
 - (b) do not exceed the actual costs incurred by the provider election officer.
- (4) The contract or interlocal agreement under this section may specify that a contracting election officer request, within a specified number of days before the election, that the provider election officer conduct the election to allow adequate preparations by the provider election officer.
- (5) An election officer conducting an election may appoint or employ an agent or professional service to assist in conducting the election.

Section 4. Section **20A-5-802** is amended to read:

20A-5-802. Certification of voting equipment.

- (1) For the voting equipment used in the jurisdiction over which an election officer has authority, the election officer shall:
- (a) before each election, use logic and accuracy tests to ensure that the voting equipment performs the voting equipment's functions accurately;
- (b) develop and implement a procedure to protect the physical security of the voting equipment; and
- (c) ensure that the voting equipment is certified by the lieutenant governor under Subsection (2) as having met the requirements of this section.
 - (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):
- (\(\frac{2}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{a}\)\(\frac{1}{a}\)\[\text{[The] the}\) lieutenant governor shall ensure that all voting equipment used in the state is independently tested using security testing protocols and standards that:
- [(i)] (A) are generally accepted in the industry at the time the lieutenant governor reviews the voting equipment for certification; and
 - [(ii)] (B) meet the requirements of Subsection [(2)(b):] (2)(a)(ii);
- [(b)] (ii) [The] the testing protocols and standards described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) shall require that a voting system:
 - [(i)] (A) is accurate and reliable;
 - [(ii)] (B) possesses established and maintained access controls;
 - [(iii)](C) has not been fraudulently manipulated or tampered with;
- [(iv)] (D) is able to identify fraudulent or erroneous changes to the voting equipment; and
 - [(v)] (E) protects the secrecy of a voter's ballot[:]; and
- [(c)] (iii) The lieutenant governor may comply with the requirements of Subsection (2)(a) by certifying voting equipment that has been certified by:
 - [(i)] (A) the United States Election Assistance Commission; or
- [(ii)] (B) a laboratory that has been accredited by the United States Election Assistance Commission to test voting equipment.
- [(d)] (b) (i) Voting equipment used in the state may include technology that allows for ranked-choice voting.
- (ii) The lieutenant governor may, for voting equipment used for ranked-choice voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, certify

<u>voting equipment that has been successfully used within the United States or a territory of the United States for ranked-choice voting for a race for federal office.</u>

Section $\{4\}$ 5. Section 20A-9-203 is amended to read:

20A-9-203. Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general elections.

- (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:
- (a) the individual is a registered voter; and
- (b) (i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election; or
- (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality, the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- (2) (a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district from which the candidate is elected.
- (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.
- (3) (a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall, regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a candidate:
- (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b) or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder or town clerk, during the office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those office hours, between June 1 and June 7 of any odd-numbered year; and
 - (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
 - (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a

declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:

- (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;
- (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;
- (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see and hear each other; and
- (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described in Subsection (4).
 - (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- (i) except as provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk during the office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those office hours, between June 1 and June 7 of any odd-numbered year; and
 - (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- (4) (a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, the filing officer shall:
- (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking; and
- (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the candidate meets those requirements.
- (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.
- (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the filing officer shall:
- (i) inform the candidate that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;
- (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's name from the ballot;
 - (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide

Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);

- (iv) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:
 - (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and
 - (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and
 - (v) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.
- (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer shall:
 - (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and
- (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the candidate is a member.

(5) (a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:
"I, (print name), being first sworn, say that I reside at Street, City of,
County of, state of Utah, Zip Code, Telephone Number (if any); that I am a
registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of (stating the term). I will meet
the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If filing via a designated agent, I
attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period. I will file
all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law and I understand that failure to do
so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from
the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the applicable official ballots. (Signed)
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by on this
(month\day\year).
(Signed) (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)".

- (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).
- (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination to be for the four-year term.

- (7) (a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered voters.
- (b) Any candidate who is not registered to vote is disqualified and the clerk may not print the candidate's name on the ballot.
- (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk shall:
 - (a) cause the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot to be published:
- (i) in at least two successive publications of a newspaper with general circulation in the municipality; and
 - (ii) as required in Section 45-1-101; and
- (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot.
- (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period ends.
- (10) (a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk within five days after the last day for filing.
 - (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:
- (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate immediately; and
 - (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.
- (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, within three days after the day on which the clerk sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing a new declaration of candidacy.
 - (d) (i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.
- (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if prompt application is made to the district court.
- (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.

(11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.

Section $\{5\}$ 6. Section 63I-2-220 is amended to read:

63I-2-220. Repeal dates -- Title **20A.**

- (1) Subsection 20A-5-803(8) is repealed July 1, 2023.
- (2) Section 20A-5-804 is repealed July 1, 2023.
- [(3) On January 1, 2019, Subsections 20A-6-107(2) and (4) are repealed and the remaining subsections, and references to those subsections, are renumbered accordingly.]
- [(4) On July 1, 2018, in Subsection 20A-11-101(21), the language that states ", 10-2a-302," is repealed.]
 - [(5)] (3) On January 1, 2026:
- (a) In Subsection 20A-1-102(23)(a), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- (b) In Subsections 20A-1-303(1)(a) and (b), the language that states "Except as provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- (c) In Section 20A-1-304, the language that states "Except for a race conducted by instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- (d) In Subsection 20A-3-105(1)(a), the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection (5)," is repealed.
- (e) In Subsections 20A-3-105(1)(b), (3)(b), and (4)(b), the language that states "Except as provided in Subsections (5) and (6)," is repealed.
- (f) In Subsections 20A-3-105(2)(a)(i), (3)(a), and (4)(a), the language that states "Subject to Subsection (5)," is repealed.
- (g) Subsection 20A-3-105(5) is repealed and the remaining subsections in Section 20A-3-105 are renumbered accordingly.
- (h) In Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(c), the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f)," is repealed.
 - (i) Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f) is repealed.
 - (i) Subsection 20A-4-101(4) is repealed and replaced with the following:

- "(4) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105.".
- (k) In Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(a), the language that states "or a rule made under Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.
 - (l) Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(b) is repealed and replaced with the following:
- "(b) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105.".
- (m) In Subsection 20A-4-102(6)(a), the language that states ", except as provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, or a rule made under Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.
- (n) In Subsection 20A-4-105(1)(a), the language that states ", except as otherwise provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- (o) In Subsection 20A-4-105(2), the language that states "Subsection 20A-3-105(5), or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- (p) In Subsections 20A-4-105(3), (5), and (12), the language that states "Except as otherwise provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- (q) In Subsection 20A-4-106(1)(a)(ii), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- (r) In Subsection 20A-4-304(1)(a), the language that states "except as provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
 - (s) Subsection 20A-4-304(2)(a)(v) is repealed and replaced with the following:
 - "(v) from each voting precinct:
 - (A) the number of votes for each candidate; and
 - (B) the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition;".
- (t) Subsection 20A-4-401(1)(a) is repealed, the remaining subsections in Subsection (1) are renumbered accordingly, and the cross-references to those subsections are renumbered accordingly.
- (u) Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, is repealed.

- (v) {Subsection} Subsections 20A-5-400.1(1)(c) and (d), relating to contracting with a local political subdivision to conduct an election, is repealed.
- [(v)] (w) Subsection 20A-5-404(3)(b) is repealed and the remaining subsections in Subsection (3) are renumbered accordingly.
- $[\frac{(w)}{(x)}]$ Subsection 20A-5-404(4)(b) is repealed and the remaining subsections in Subsection (4) are renumbered accordingly.
 - (y) In Section 20A-5-802, relating to the certification of voting equipment:
- (i) delete "Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):" from the beginning of Subsection (2); and
- (ii) Subsection (2)(b)(ii) is repealed, and the remaining subsections are renumbered accordingly.
 - [(x)] ((y)z) Section 20A-6-203.5 is repealed.
- [(y)] ({z}aa) In Subsections 20A-6-402(1), (2), (3), and (4), the language that states "Except as otherwise required for a race conducted by instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- ({aa}bb) In Subsection 20A-9-203(3)(a)(i), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- ({bb}cc) In Subsection 20A-9-203(3)(c)(i), the language that states "except as provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- [(z)] ((ce)dd) In Subsection 20A-9-404(1)(a), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- [(aa)] ({dd}ee) In Subsection 20A-9-404(2), the language that states "Except as otherwise provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.